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### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** February 3, 2010/6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Sean Cryan  
**Recorder:** Sean Cryan  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L204

#### February Meeting Minutes Distribution List:

Michael McGinn, Mayor, City of Seattle  
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Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)  
Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)  
Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner and Liaison to SBAB, SDOT  
Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT  
Meeting Presenters: Jamie Cheney and Jessica Szlag, Commute Seattle; Mark Troxel, DPD  
Howard Wu, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) Liaison  
City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee members  
Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

#### Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Craig Benjamin; Evan Brown; Allegra Calder; Matthew Crane; Sean Cryan (Chair); Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Secretary); Kelsey Jones-Casey; Neal Komedal; Blake Trask (Vice Chair); Jean White

#### Members Absent:

Craig Benjamin; Evan Brown; Matthew Crane

#### Guests:

Tom Rasmussen, Seattle City Council; Sam Woods, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT; Bradley Parlik, UW; Howard Wu, SPAB; Freddie Merrell; Julie Vithoulkas; Aili Lepard; Dayna Loeffler; Charles Redell; Rob Spooner; Barbara Culp, BAW; Doug Beeman; Jake Vanderplas, Delridge Neighborhood Council

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sean Cryan

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

-City Council  
Resolution 25534

## PRESENTATIONS

*Time:* 6:10 p.m.

### **Topic: Bicycling in Seattle**

*Presenter:* City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Transportation Committee Chair

*Purpose:* Introduction to SBAB and opportunity to share priorities with SBAB, and gather information about SBAB's priorities and concerns

#### *Priorities for the Transportation Committee:*

- Ensuring bicycle safety
  - Is the system intuitive? Is there any confusion about where bicycles are supposed to be? How do we get to the best solutions?
- Accommodating all modes of transportation
  - Ensuring visibility of bicycles
  - Determining if there are differences between commuter routes and recreational routes
- Connecting the missing links
  - Determine the bottlenecks
  - Validate routes
  - Bring all concerned parties together to resolve hindrances

#### *Other concerns:*

- Seattle Police Department (SPD)
  - Is there tracking and reporting on bicycle accidents?
  - Is there ticketing?
- First Hill Streetcar alignment
  - Concerns with rails and bicycle safety
  - Concerns with cost
  - Possible to switch to all electric transit system in the city, and the versatility of overhead lines
  - Extension of transit system can be an economic development tool
- Look at connecting bicycle and pedestrian routes
  - Include stairway bicycle ramps with public stair improvements
  - Incremental changes can help manage budgets
- 520 exchange
  - As the planning process continues, identify any flaws in the plan
  - The City Council and the State have an agreement to work out any issues as the plan moves forward
  - Recommend that SBAB get a detailed report from the 520 group on the current design and provide feedback

#### *SBAB comments:*

- Capitol Hill Community Council is investigating cycle track on Broadway associated with the First Hill Streetcar
- SPD has been ticketing along the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue bus lanes
- Stairway ramps can help with Seattle topography
- SE Seattle bike survey received many comments to add a bike route along the low path to downtown, not on the hills
- Look at possibilities for developing separated bike facilities

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*Time:* 6:40 p.m.

**Topic: Commute Seattle: Downtown Bicycle Inventory and Assessment Project and Bicycle Facilities in Buildings**

*Presenter:* Jamie Cheney and Jessica Szlag, Commute Seattle; Mark Troxel, City of Seattle Department of Planning and Development

*Purpose:* General discussion of goals of Commute Seattle and methods of determining status and quantity of bicycle commute facilities in the downtown core

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- Commute Seattle focuses on the downtown core, and the movement of people and freight through the city
- Currently there is a 50/50 share between SOV and other commute modes
- Commute Seattle's goal is a 6% reduction in SOV, or 35,000 less, by 2015
- Transit is the most developed option, and the bike programs for Commute Seattle are just starting
- Commute Seattle will engage in a 3 stage process in the development of their programs
  - Inventory Assessment
  - Infrastructure development
  - Market encouragement and outreach
- The assessment is happening now
  - To determine what motivates the commuter to ride, they conducted a series of brown bags to gather data
  - They are now looking at downtown facilities to assess long term, secured and covered parking, pending to begin within the month
- This is a year long process to assemble a full report
  - Report to include a map with parking and a plan to building out infrastructure to increase parking
  - Goals include bike and walk commutes, with a total of 10,000 as the increase, or 6,000 bikers on average over the course of the year
  - Monitoring progress will involve using the SDOT numbers that are generated every two years and the mode split survey as well.
  - Recommendations are a smaller part of the program
- New regulations and changes based on new buildings alone has a limited yearly impact – retrofits of existing buildings are also needed to increase the rate of implementation.
  - Guidelines will be critical
  - Work with incentives and marketing
  - Providing bicycle facilities will make property more attractive in the marketplace

*Recommendations:*

- Coordinate bikeability tour of facilities with SBAB tour and include a review of some exemplary facilities
- SBAB can provide review of the qualitative assessment tool, inventory tool and survey tool
- Retrofit tool should be coordinated and available both from DPD and DSA to maximize the exposure
- Build from some of the better agency and private publications available – the NYC guidebook, the Emily Allen Grocery Store recommendations and the Lloyd District (Portland) 10 page recommendation guide

*Action Item or Follow Up:*

- SBAB members (Allegra Calder, Ann Boyd, and Jean White) will be organizing a bike facility tour and will coordinate with Commute Seattle
  - Commute Seattle should come back with a status report at the halfway or draft recommendations stage
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*Time:* 7:20 p.m.

**Topic: Inventory Report for Bicycle Parking in the Right of Way and Next Steps for Bicycle Parking in Seattle**

*Presenter:* Doug Cox, SDOT

*Purpose:* Review of the bike rack program

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- Program started in the 1980's, and current survey indicates that there are 3000 racks and the goal is to double that by 2017
- Plans for 2010 include fulfilling all bike rack requests, although the budget only allows for 350 racks. In addition, SDOT would like to be more proactive about the conversion of parking meters for bike racks, and to make it easier to facilitate private racks installed for public use in the right of way
- On street bike parking commenced with 3 locations and 2 styles in 2009, of which 12<sup>th</sup> avenue gets the most use. In 2010, 8-10 more are planned, with each capable of holding 12 bikes. The next will be in Ballard
- Art racks are squid shapes, and there are 4 under construction at a cost of \$9,000 each. They hold 8 bikes each
- In general, the goals are to put racks where there is a demand or need when the sidewalk is crowded with bikes. Bike rack requests need to be confirmed by the business owner, but the request can come from anyone

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Frederica Merrill, North Beacon Hill neighborhood group:
  - The Beacon Hill Family Bike Plan committee has been formed to improve bike facilities in a small geographic area that the committee feels has not been fully addressed by the Bicycle Master Plan
  - They are looking at putting their recommendations into the Neighborhood Plan Update, including the idea of a Bike District, which prioritizes bicycles, then pedestrians, and then cars, using a combination of bike boulevards and innovative arterial crossings
  - The goal is to work throughout the community, including schools and businesses
- Jake Vanderplas, North Delridge Council
  - They are looking at transit issues, including the West Seattle Bridge trail and a 2 block stretch to Andover on the east side of Delridge, which could be a good location for cycle tracks
- Doug Beeman
  - Public Transportation Advocacy Day was last week, and many bills came up, including one to limit cellphone use and texting while driving, and a vulnerable users bill
- Barbara Culp, Bicycle Alliance of Washington
  - Complete Streets ordinance is moving forward through committees at the State

- The Bikestation is now branded as Seattle Bikeport Pioneer Square, and future installations will also be called Bikeports.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Sean Cryan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.